

# Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program

## Protect our water. Get funding for your Special Project.

Are you interested in helping to protect local municipal drinking water sources in Ontario? If so, you could be eligible to receive financial assistance under the Special Projects component of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP). The program will cover up to 100 per cent of the project cost for eligible projects.

The Special Projects component of the ODWSP provides financial assistance for projects that complement the Early Actions and Education and Outreach components.

### Am I an eligible recipient?

Yes, if you:

- are a legal entity (legislated or incorporated organization or an individual)
- are able to meet minimum liability insurance requirements, and
- submit an application that meets the requirements of the Request for Grant Proposal – Special Projects.

### Is my project eligible for funding?

To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate in the project proposal that:

- the project will have positive impacts on the local community
- the project will be carried out in Ontario
- the project will promote and support the principles of the Clean Water Act and support other drinking water source protection initiatives

- the project targets an identified wellhead protection area or intake protection zone.

Project eligibility varies slightly based on whether your project is in a source protection area or not. Check these maps to see if your project is located inside or outside a source protection area:

Southern Ontario –

<http://www.ontario.ca/drinkingwater/158316.pdf>

Northern Ontario –

<http://www.ontario.ca/drinkingwater/158315.pdf>

### Eligible Projects Inside of Source Protection Areas

Examples of eligible projects include:

- pilot and research studies, and demonstration sites, on reducing threats to municipal drinking water sources
- “on the ground” projects implementing activities/actions directly aimed at protecting the quality and quantity of municipal drinking water sources in identified wellhead protection areas or intake protection zones
- developing universal tools and procedures for protecting municipal drinking water sources

- First Nation projects that take preventative measures and modify activities to protect municipal or First Nations communal drinking water sources
- developing and implementing business and industry best management practices that protect municipal drinking water sources

### **Eligible Projects Outside of Source Protection Areas**

The first four examples of eligible projects inside source protection areas are also eligible projects outside source protection areas.

In addition, landowners outside source protection areas are eligible to apply for Early Actions projects if the project is located in identified wellhead protection areas or intake protection zones. Early Actions projects include:

- upgrading and repairing septic systems
- decommissioning and upgrading wells
- implementing run off and erosion protection measures and additional best management practices
- pollution prevention reviews for small and medium-sized businesses

### **What costs can I recover?**

You can recover:

- fees for required permits and approvals for any eligible project
- purchased materials and supplies
- contract labour
- professional fees and technical support
- fees related to the promotion or advertisement of the project.

### **How can I apply for this funding and learn more?**

Visit [www.ontario.ca/cleanwater](http://www.ontario.ca/cleanwater) to:

- read the Request for Grant Proposals
- obtain an application for Special Projects funding
- get more information on the other components of the ODWSP.

Contact your local conservation authority to get information on source protection planning in your area:

<http://conservation-ontario.on.ca/find/index.html>

**This publication is for your information only.** For compliance purposes, you should always refer to the Clean Water Act or related regulations.

